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of Tokens and Medals



November

November comes with cloudy sky, with rain and snow and falling leaves,
The heavens above us seem to cry as if with us the whole world grieves.
But dry your eyes and fix a grin--dull melancholy need not stay;
A joyous season soon begins--it starts with each Thanksgiving Day.

For those who can't get out to dig, or search through old ghostly towns,
No need to sit and vainly sigh, nor wrinkle brow in scowling frowns.
Now is the time to hit the books and search for clues to hidden treasure.
It may not be what you'd like to do but don't deny it brings you pleasure!

It's time also to stay by the fire and keep your toesies nice and warm,
To sip a hot drink now and then will help to keep you all from harm.
Then when winter months are through and out we go to hunt once more,
We'll be in shape to really dig and maybe this time we all will score!!

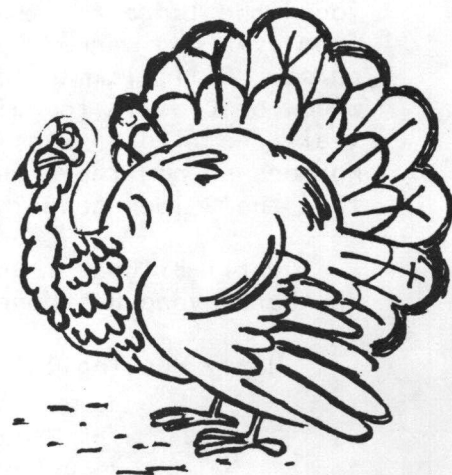
No man is a failure who enjoys life.

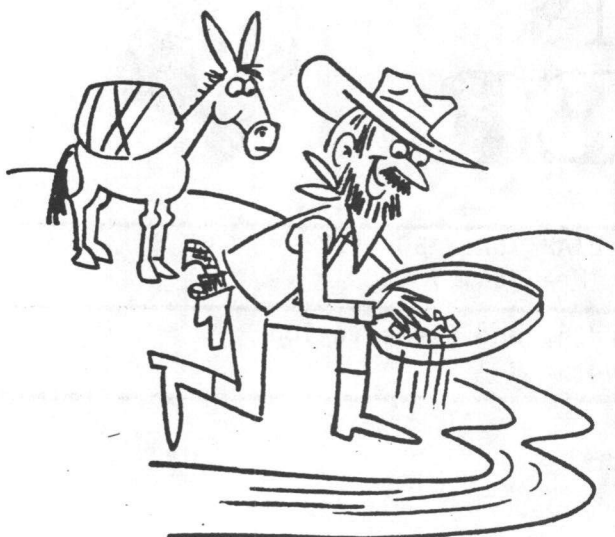
If you can't be thankful for anything
else on Thanksgiving Day, at least be
grateful you weren't born a turkey!!

Never try to teach a pig to sing.
It wastes your time and annoys the pig.

The trouble with political jokes is
that sometimes they get elected.

Prejudice is a real time-saver: It
permits opinions to be formed without
the need for facts.





MAYBE THIS WILL BE YOUR LUCKY DAY!

Drawing for November 15th

1. 6 different HYATT DAIRY tokens,.R-1
round, alum. good for one gal. milk
2. George McDermaid, Rolapp, Ut....R-1
8 scallop, Alum. good for 5¢ in trade
3. Browning Auto Co., Round, Brass.R-2
Good for \$10.00 on any car
4. Eugene Theater, 8 sided, Brass..R-5
Good for 10¢ in trade
5. The Flat Iron Block, Milford,Ut.R-9
Round, Brass, good for 5¢ in merchandise

INTERESTING NOTES FROM...

Would YOU risk a curse from Brigham Young to find a ledge of "wire gold"?

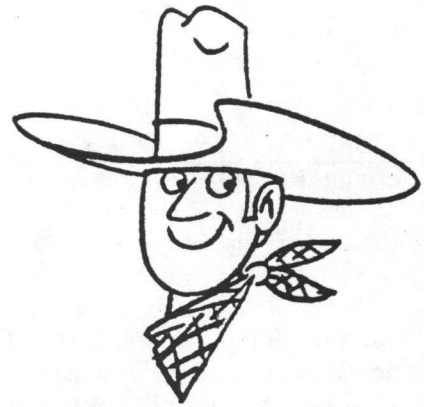
John Croslin (or Crossland), a Mormon, who operated the Rowberry Sawmill near Twin Springs southeast of Lake Point in the 1860's apparently found a rocky ledge "heavily laced with gold". Dutifully reporting the find to Brigham Young, Croslin received a tirade from Young who said "If you Elders want to go gold mining, go and be damned! I would not give a picayune to keep you from damnation!" He also said that a curse would befall Croslin or anyone who developed the golden ledge.

Croslin dared not ignore the Prophet's warning so did nothing about working the ledge but when pestered by neighbors who had heard of the find, he did admit knowing where it was and once said he could stand in the doorway of the sawmill and look into the canyon where the ledge was hidden. Only a few years later, his brother-in-law began selling pieces of raw gold in Lake Point and Tooele and it was assumed that Croslin had told him where to find the gold. When the brother-in-law was found dead in the edge of the foothills without a mark on the body, Croslin said it was Brigham Young's curse. Croslin died in a mill accident shortly afterward and two young men (perhaps his nephews) claimed they had a map that Croslin had made. They may have found the ledge for they got into a fight and one was killed and the other banished from Utah and warned never to return. With 3 dead and 1 exiled, many believed in the curse. Bill Hickman (a fugitive with a murder charge over his head) befriended the widow of Croslin to gain the secret of the gold site, but with the lawmen hot on his trail, he fled to Wyoming and met his death. The lady became an outcast among the Mormons so now there were 4 dead, 1 exiled, and 1 outcast. Still think you'd like to find the Golden Ledge?

Until Brigham Young's death in 1877, no one dared to search for the potential mine. Whether anyone has done so since is unknown but no record exists of it being found.

Happy Hunting!!

.... from Treasure Magazine, Aug. '84



FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Dear NUTS:

Our annual election is just around the corner and I hope everyone will mark the card you receive in the TOKEN HUNTER and drop it in the mail so your vote can be counted in the big vote. I feel the candidates are all well qualified to be officers in the National Utah Token Society and I believe they will carry on the fine tradition of past officers.

Our By-Laws are finished and now it's time to vote them in. Please read them carefully and decide whether you want them as written or not. If the majority of members do not approve the By-Laws we will have to try to re-write them in accordance with the objections. The Executive Board has approved them and, as they are written, these By-Laws will pass the Utah State requirements for a non-profit organization.

Bruce Robinson, Past President of NUTS, 1982-83, will be our speaker at the November 15th meeting. Bruce is, of course, a member of the Board this year also. I've known him over a year now and respect his knowledge of tokens AND his strength on a shovel (we dug a 6 ft. hole together!). He will talk about how he got started collecting tokens and how the Club has grown during the past two years.

On the Ballot card you receive, you will also find a box to check on whether or not we should make a NUTS token/medal. The quantity to be made will be voted on later if the idea of making one is approved. I understand that one of our members has offered to pay for the original mold (\$50.00). Then there would also be an advance payment to be made when we had a proof to examine. The Club, therefore, would not have to put out any advance expense or be stuck with any left-over medals. I think it's a great idea to have a token/medal of our Club and I feel it will be salable to the public.

Many NUTS members attended two coin shows this past month. One, of course, was in Salt Lake City and the other in Boise, Idaho. Tokens that were scarce went fast and there was heavy trading between collectors. When the dealers are setting up the night before the coin show, I've noticed they were being hounded by dealers and collectors for tokens. This area has, by far, the most enthusiasm of the collectable market. I believe the ones getting into it now will be glad they did because soon everyone will jump on the wagon and get involved with the history of their State.

REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!

Bob Campbell,
President

THE STORY OF JESSE KNIGHT, "MORMON WIZARD"
by George Wilson, Wagonmaster



(continued from October 1984 issue)

Jesse had been hearing for years about the rich mines of the Tintic District. As the miners and prospectors passed through the valley on their way to the diggings, the stories he heard convinced him that he should spend some time in the Tintic hills. Before long, he was making regular prospecting trips there. One day, as he stood alone on the eastern slope of Godiva Mountain, looking down into the valley, he heard a voice say, "This country is here for the Mormons." Jesse was overwhelmed by the feeling that the message had to do with mining and with the place where he was standing, so, from that day on, Jesse confined his prospecting to the east side of Godiva Mtn.

Now Jesse Knight had no training as a geologist so he depended upon his observations of the lime rock and ores which came from other mines. Using the knowledge he had gained, he soon found a spot that he knew was right. Since he had so little knowledge of mining, the first thing he did was to find a miner named John Roundy. Jesse knew money would be hard to come by so he offered Roundy a partnership in the mine. Roundy was indignant and told him, "I don't want any part of this damned old humbug!" As Roundy filled out the claim papers, he turned to Jesse and asked, "well, how do you want this claim recorded?" Jesse just smiled and replied, "Well, you called it a humbug, that's good enough for me." And that is how the multi-million dollar Humbug Mine got its name.

Jesse lost no time setting to work on his claim. He and his son, Will, built a small one room shack and Jesse hired two of the best single jack men in the district. One day as the men walked into the deepening tunnel, Jesse turned to his son and said, "Will....I want to tell you something... We are going to have money...All the money we want as soon as we are in a position to handle it properly. We will also some day save the credit of the Church." Will couldn't believe what he had heard! His father had heavily mortgaged the family farm for the money he need to work the claim and the debts of the L.D.S. Church were over one million dollars!!

In August 1896, Jesse's prophecy began to be fulfilled. Work had progressed about 150 feet. Jesse had been moving the rock out in a wheelbarrow. His hands were cut and blistered but on he worked. One day, as he cleared away the rock, there it was--- a vein of the richest silver ore ever seen in the Tintic District! Everyone else was amazed but Jesse Knight wasn't surprised. He'd known it was there all the time. He loaded his wheelbarrow with the ore and made his way to a small platform outside the mine. As the men gathered around him, he dumped the ore onto the platform and said, "I have done the last day's work that I ever expect to do where I take another man's job from him. I expect to give employment and make labor from now on for other people." Again, Jesse's words were carried out literally as in his lifetime thousands were employed by him.

And now Jesse had only begun. The second load of ore from the Humbug brought \$11,189.05 and he turned to other claims on Godiva Mountain. The first claim he purchased was the Uncle Sam. This claim cost him \$25,000, payable in installments.

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JESSE KNIGHT, "MORMON WIZARD"

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Purchase of this claim at such a price seemed crazy to many at the time but Jesse Knight couldn't be stopped once he had set his mind. The tunnel at the Uncle Sam was extended 350 feet without a sign of the vein until Jesse walked into the mine to talk to the superintendent.

"Turn the shaft to the right", Jesse told him. "But there's no reason to", the superintendant replied. "Turn it to the right", Jesse told him again. So, to the right the work was directed and, within hours, the vein appeared. Soon the people around Eureka were talking about the Mormon Wizard who could see the veins of silver through solid rock!!

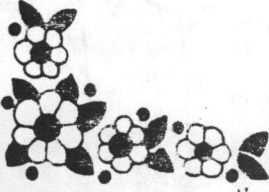
By the spring of 1897, a town was being built above Eureka--a town that would be called Knightsville in honor of its benefactor. It didn't take long for the miners to start calling the boss "Uncle" Jesse. He took a keen interest in the people who worked for him. Often he could be seen in the depths of the mines talking to his men, but his concern also extended into their daily lives. He allowed no saloons, bars, gambling or prostitution in his towns and any man who neglected his family in favor of liquor or other vices was dismissed.

He also strongly believed that his men should attend church so he gave them Sundays off and gave them an appropriate raise in pay to keep their pay at the same level.

Uncle Jesse had only made a small start and he wasn't done yet. On around Godiva Mountain, he moved--buying claims as he went. Each time he would direct the work at the mine and each time the wealth would flow into his hands. Even here, Uncle Jesse couldn't slow down. Before long, the list of Knight companies seemed endless. Investment companies, mining and smelting, farms, coal companies, sugar and irrigation companies, as well as banks, to name only a few. Jesse became a respected and loved man in many ways to both Mormon and non-Mormon alike. He stood by his convictions and his church. The millions which came to him were, he felt, a stewardship that had been entrusted to him.

His Church was saved from bankruptcy by his contributions and when the time came to build Brigham Young University, it was Uncle Jesse Knight who stood ready to build it. He gave \$65,000 to the building of the school and, in later years, a \$100,000 endowment and, finally, 540 acres of land.

Jesse Knight died March 4, 1921 and not many people remember him today. Students stroll past the Jesse Knight building at BYU and treasure hunters roam the towns that he built, but few remember the boy who searched the fields for sago roots and eventually became "Uncle Jesse" to everyone who knew him.



THE END



NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY VOTING PROCEDURES

Enclosed with this November issue of Token Hunter, you will find stamped, addressed postcards (one for each voting member) containing the following:

- Names of persons nominated for offices
- Blank spaces for write-in candidates
- Space for approval of By-Laws
- Space for approval of Token/Medal

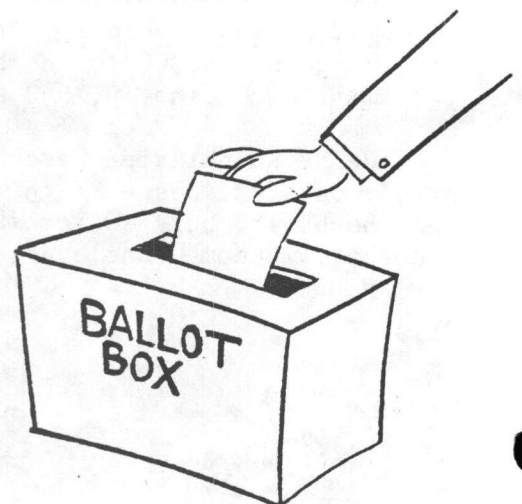
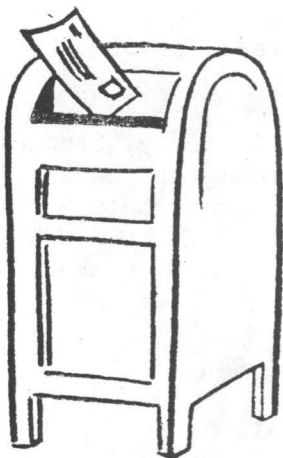
Your card **MUST** be returned to the Club by December 1st OR brought to the November 15th meeting in order to be counted!!

Short written sketches of each of the nominees are on page 7 of the Token Hunter. Please mark your ballot for only ONE person for each office except for the Wagonmasters where you should vote for TWO. Copies of the By-Laws are pages 9 thru 13 of this issue and are the last pages so you may detach it and keep for future reference since these are the rules by which the Club will operate. Please be sure to also mark YES or NO to indicate your wishes with regard to the production by the Club of a Token/Medal such as has been discussed previously in meetings.

PLEASE NOTE:

Voting members are those who have paid their 1984 dues or are honorary members and have been so advised. An INDIVIDUAL membership allows that person only to vote. A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP allows two (2) adults in that family to vote and they will receive two ballots. Some persons or organizations receive complimentary copies of the Token Hunter. This does not constitute membership nor convey voting privileges.

BALLOTS ARE BEING MAILED WITH THIS ISSUE OF TOKEN HUNTER SO WE CAN BE SURE OF CONTACTING EVERY MEMBER ENTITLED TO VOTE. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN HAVE A 100% RETURN!!



NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS FOR 1985
NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY

GEORGE WILSON - nominated for President:

George, as many of you know, has served with Bryan Moulton during the past year as one of our Wagonmasters. His height and pleasant smile would draw your attention anywhere but his most valuable asset is his dedication to the Club's interests.

LANCE JOHNSON - nominated for Vice President

Lance is a comparatively new member of NUTS but seems equally interested in serving the Club. He has been active since joining, attending all meetings and most trips. One of his special interests is Montana tokens since that's where he hails from.

MARY MOULTON - nominated for Secretary

Wife of one of 1984's wagonmasters, Mary has been very interested in Club activities. She has indicated her willingness to serve in a job which is a thankless one at best. You may have met her on the many trips where she and her children were hunting diligently for interesting artifacts.

FRANK SOMMER - nominated for Treasurer

Frank has consented to run for Treasurer again. All of you are acquainted with him as in addition to collecting dues and other Treasurer duties, he has served as Auctioneer for the Club.

MARK HUMPHREY - nominated for Board Member At Large

He has been an active member for some time. His varied token interests include Dairy and Bar tokens. Due to his work, Mark has not been able to join us on our trips but he rarely misses a meeting and is interested in helping the Club grow.

EDITH ATTEBURY - nominated for Editor

Chosen as Assistant Editor of the Token Hunter last January by our Founder, Harry Campbell, she has served as Editor since April when Harry found it necessary to relinquish the job.

BRYAN MOULTON - nominated for Wagonmaster

Bryan, our mustachiod Wagonmaster from last year, is familiar to all. His ability as Wagonmaster is unquestionable as he served well in researching, planning and leading our trips.

KEN LAMBSON - nominated for Wagonmaster

Ken may not be as well known as Bry since he is a newer member but his attendance on some of our trips helped make them both rewarding and fun! His specialized knowledge of gems and rocks, as well as his interest in bottles, should prove helpful.



* * THE MARKETPLACE * *

One or more of these box areas may be purchased for the Buy-Sell-Trade by Members or Non-Members. Cost is \$4.00 per box for 2 months. Send Ad and check by 10th of the month to 6143 Rainy Lane, Murray, Ut. 84107



WANTED: MORMON MEDALS AND TOKENS

Especially Pioneer Jubilee medals of 1897 and tokens with the Mormon Temple on the reverse.

I am putting together a catalog of all known "Mormon" medals & tokens and any information would also be very helpful.

Bob Campbell
ALL ABOUT COINS
(formerly Wally's Coin Shop)
1123 East 2100 South
Salt Lake City, Ut.
467-8636

WANT TO BUY:

Tokens, etc. from SanPete Co., Utah. Also want Idaho tokens from Jerome, Twin Falls & Gooding Counties.

Edith Attebury
1675 W. 800 So.
SLC, Ut. 84104

Phone: 973-8446

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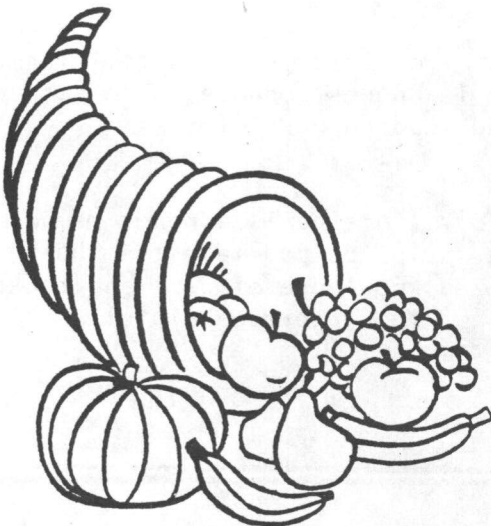
TOP PRICES PAID FOR:

Idaho Tokens
Idaho Embossed Bottles
Pocatello Postcards
Pocatello Dog Licenses

Have 7,000 old comic books to trade/sell.

GREG

972-6884



WANTED! WANTED! WANTED! WANTED! TOKENS FROM ANY PLACE

I will pay cash or I have 300 good Utah traders.

David L. Freed
Home: 322-4570
Office: 322-3591

BY-LAWS
of the
NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY

ARTICLE 1 - MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person of good character, 18 years of age or more, and interested in the objects or pursuits of this organization, and recommended by at least one member of the Society in good standing, and subject to approval as hereinafter provided, may become a member of this Society.
2. Any person of good character, under 18 years of age, and interested in the objects or pursuits of this organization, upon application therefor, and recommended by at least one member of the Society in good standing, and subject to the approval as hereinafter provided, AND with proper parental guarantees as to performance of contractual obligations, and adherence to these By-laws, may become a Junior Member of this Society.
3. Any person who has rendered outstanding service in the field of Exonomia, or in any of its branches, or whose interest or patronage has been of outstanding advantage or service, or whose talents, contributions, or endeavors, either artistically, or scientifically merit special recognition, may be nominated by the Governing Board for, and upon unanimous approval of the members present at any regular meeting, be declared an honorary member of this Society.
4. The President and Governing Board have the discretion to establish the procedures and set forth the requirements for membership to this Society.
5. Notice to members against whom any complaint is received shall be given at least FIVE (5) days prior to the time of consideration of any such complaint by the Governing Board of this Society and, the member shall be entitled to appear and state his position in the matter to the Governing Board sitting as an investigating body. After thorough examination of the facts, and, if in the opinion of a majority of the Governing Board, the action of the member complained of is such as to warrant the expulsion or removal of such member from the Society, the Governing Board shall review a brief summary of the matter in factual form and determine whether removal or expulsion of such individual member shall be had.

Proceedings in such matters shall be had on such reasonable notice, but not less than TEN (10) days in any case, as may be prescribed by the Governing Board at its discretion, and the time and place shall be such as to permit the member concerned to have reasonable opportunity to present such facts or argument or other statements as he may desire, and, the Governing Board may adjourn any such hearing to further the attendance of the member concerned, his representative(s), witnesses, or counsel.

1. The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Governing Board, and it shall be his duty to preserve order at these meetings. He shall appoint all such Committees, either standing or otherwise, as may be necessary or provided for in connection with Society activities. He shall approve all expenditures, and countersign all disbursement orders or checks, and shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees, and he shall supervise and coordinate the work of all special committees, and generally supervise the affairs of the Society, in accordance with the provisions of the articles of incorporation, these By-Laws, and the policies promulgated by the Governing Board.
2. The VICE-PRESIDENT shall perform any or all of the duties of the President in the latter's absence, or when called upon by the President to do so. He will head up the Election Committee and will appoint two (2) other committee members from the Society's membership.
3. The SECRETARY shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society and of the Governing Board in a minute book to be provided for such purpose. He shall carry on all correspondence and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Society and its Governing Board. The Secretary will be charged with the responsibility for the minutes for the present year and the minutes of years previous shall be held for a period of at least seven (7) years in case of audit.
4. The TREASURER shall receive all monies paid into the Society, and handle or deposit the same in such manner or in such depository as may be designated by the Governing Board. He shall pay all bills and accounts of the Society, as and when ordered or authorized by the Governing Board, the Society, or the President acting within the scope of his authority, all of which shall be approved by the President or Vice-President, and to sign all checks or orders for the payment of the Society's funds, and he shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures, together with such supporting data or vouchers as may be required, and, shall furnish such statements of the financial position of the Society upon all necessary, convenient, or stated periods, and, he shall submit all records to the Governing Board, or a committee thereof, for an annual audit. A summary of all checks paid out during the current month shall be given to the Board at its regular meeting, along with a summary of the bank balance for the current and previous months, and the Treasurer, at the time of this report, shall answer any questions concerning the financial position of the organization. All checks are to be co-signed by the President, the Treasurer, or a third member of the Governing Board.
5. The WAGONMASTER(S) shall be in charge of planning, organizing, and safety of all field trips and shall lead such trips, or appoint a substitute who is familiar with his plans to lead trips in his necessary absence. The Wagonmaster also is in charge of locating and purchasing or otherwise obtaining items for the Society's monthly drawing.
6. The EDITOR is responsible for publication of the "Token Hunter, the monthly newsletter of the Society. The Editor is in charge of organization, general content, printing, mailing and distribution of the newsletter as approved by the Governing Board.

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF OFFICERS (continued)

7. All officers at the time of their installation shall take a proper oath or affirmation, to be approved or prescribed by the Governing Board, which oath, among other things, shall provide that all property of the Society belonging to it shall be promptly delivered up to any successor or successors of any such office or officer.

8. The GOVERNING BOARD of this Society shall consist of the above-named officers with the Past President as an ex-officio member. The main goals of the Governing Board:

continuity from year to year, long range goals, eyes to the future, approval of any program that may deplete funds, set guidelines that will help the current President and Board.

In the case of a vacancy in any office between annual meetings arising from any cause, the President may, with the approval of a majority of the Governing Board, appoint from among the membership an individual to complete such unexpired portion of the term remaining; provided, however, that if the vacancy exists in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall become President, and the vacancy then arising shall be filled as provided hereinabove.

ARTICLE III - DUES

1. Every regular member, individual or family, shall pay dues, beginning on the first day of January of each year. Dues shall be set by the President and Governing Board for each year. Junior members are not required to pay dues.

2. Determining factors for setting dues will be Token Hunter cost, rent, or other outstanding bills of the Society.

3. Dues will not be set to gain profit.

4. Honorary members, as such, shall not be required to pay dues or other assessments.

5. Any member who is one-quarter of a year in arrears with dues shall be dropped from the membership list. Upon payment of the dues, any member may be reinstated as a member in good standing, unless theretofor expelled, removed by the Board.

ARTICLE IV - PROFIT - ASSETS

1. It is the intent of the National Utah Token Society to be a non-profit, voluntary organization.
2. No part of the net earnings, if any, of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer, Board member, or to any private individual.
3. Any part of the profits that may accrue shall not benefit any member, officer, Board Member, or any private individual.
4. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed to charitable organizations which would qualify under the provisions of Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.
5. Auctions or special programs may be held to raise funds. All profits shall go to the organization or program event was held for. Individuals in or out of the club shall not benefit personally.
6. If and when the finances of the Society permit, and with the approval of the President and the Governing Board, a Token & Coin Show may be held by the Society, and rules governing such Show shall be set by the Governing Board.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

1. In October of each year, the Vice-President shall, as Chairman of the Election Committee, appoint two (2) members to such committee from the general membership.
2. The Committee shall present a slate of officers at the regular November meeting and nominations shall further be opened to regular members from the floor. Permission to nominate shall be secured before presentation.
3. Voting shall be by written ballot at the November meeting, or, by written ballot mailed to each member in good standing by the 30th of November. These ballots shall be returned to the Election Committee by December 14th at the latest.
4. Each individual shall have one vote. In a family membership, each individual over the age of 18 shall have one vote. Junior members are non-voting members.
5. Installation of new officers shall be by the President at the regular December meeting and the new officers will begin serving as of January 1 of each year.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held at such times and at such places as may be set by the President and Governing Board.
2. Special meetings of the Society for any purpose may be called, upon due notice to the members, by the President, or in his absence by the Vice-President.

ARTICLE VII - COURTESY

1. When any member is searching an area on field trips and finds something of interest or value, that member has the right to continue the search alone unless he/she specifies otherwise. Other members should give him/her at least a 15 ft. circle from the original find as common courtesy, until he/she states that this area is open to all members and that he/she is through searching the area or wants to share it with other members.

This By-law should be upheld by all members except when two or more members, or the entire club have made prior arrangements to search an area as a team or group. In this case, a decision as to what shall be done with recovered articles should be made before the search is begun.

2. Whenever the gender designation of "he" or "him" has been used, it is expected that this applies equally to the Society's female members, and the male designation was used for purposes of simplification.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members constituting a quorum present at any regular, or annual, or special meeting of the Society, providing that at least ten (10) days prior a written notice as to the nature or kind of amendments proposed to be adopted or acted upon has been previously delivered personally or through the mails with First Class postage prepaid to each member in good standing and entitled to vote thereon.